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E-Cigarette and Hookah Use in Missouri



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The 2014 Missouri Student Survey shows that 16% of students surveyed report using electronic cigarettes (e-cigs) in their lifetime; 10% of all students have used them at least once in the past 30 days.

When looking only at students who report never using standard cigarettes, 7% have used e-cigs. Approximately 4% of this group reports having used e-cigs within the past 30 days. This indicates that students are not always transitioning from standard to electronic but may be starting their substance use with e-cigs.

Students report using hookahs at slightly lower rates than e-cigs. A little over 1 in 10 students (11%) have used hookahs at least once in their life. Approximately 7% have used in the past 30 days.

As with e-cigs, students are trying hookahs without having smoked standard cigarettes first. Of this group, 5% have tried them at least once while 4% have used a hookah in the past 30 days.

While standard cigarettes have the highest reported lifetime use, e-cigs are the most likely to be reported as used in the past 30 days. Students report using hookahs almost as much as standard cigarettes, when looking at current use.

